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University of Groningen

The University of Groningen (*Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*) was founded in 1614. Since then its growth and development have reflected the changing views and social developments. The University's image has gradually changed: where once it was a fortress of stored knowledge, it is now an institution with its doors wide open to society.

At present, the University of Groningen (RUG) has 10 faculties. Both nationally and internationally, there are intensive co-operative links between the University and industry, health care, education, other universities and the government. An increasing number of students are making the transition to future employment by means of work experience during their studies.

In addition to purely theoretical research, the University also devotes a substantial part of its resources to research directed towards practical and directly applicable results. Today, more than ever before, the University occupies a position at the heart of society.

The University of Groningen, with a current enrolment of 20.000 students, provides one of the fullest ranges of academic and technical education available in the Netherlands.

All faculties offer Master's and Ph.D. courses and degrees or their Dutch equivalent. Currently, 750 Ph.D. candidates are preparing their thesis.

The University of Groningen has a long tradition in the study of international issues and development cooperation in the field of international law, international economic relations, peace and security, non-Western demography, food security in developing countries and reproductive health, to name but a few examples. Long-term co-operation with some universities in Africa and Asia is a major constituent of this international involvement (see Appendix 2). The emphasis lies on improving education, training academic staff, and reinforcing the infrastructure of these universities. Contacts with other universities in various countries, including India and Indonesia, are maintained by the Faculties in Groningen. A considerable number of students from Africa and Asia follow education in Groningen, and their number is increasing annually.

In 1996, the interdisciplinary Centre for Development Studies (CDS) was established by the Executive Board, with the participation of all faculties of the University of Groningen. The most important responsibilities of the CDS concern multidisciplinary research on development issues and co-operation research with institutes in developing countries.

These developments are in tune with several relevant circumstances: the wish of the universities in the industrialised countries as well as those in the developing countries to strengthen scientific education and research in developing countries, the role to be played by universities in industrialised countries in development-related issues, the international dimension of the development issue, the knowledge-gap between poor and industrialised countries, the responsibility of the University to contribute to international peace and security, and our own multicultural society. It is the University's policy to make development issues a vital part of its education and research. Scientific co-operation with universities in developing countries is a permanent element of the University's international co-operation policy and it emphasizes long-term relations.

Eric Bleumink Fund

The primary objective of the Eric Bleumink Fund, established on 23 May 2000, is to provide financial support to master's students and Ph.D. students from developing countries who wish to pursue a master's degree or a doctorate (see Appendix 1 for the names of the countries that are considered developing countries).

This will not only improve the co-operation between the University of Groningen and universities in developing countries, but will also raise the level of scientific expertise in these countries.

The name of the fund is a tribute to Prof. Eric Bleumink, the former chairman of the Executive Board of the University.

Prof. Eric Bleumink retired as chairman of the Executive Board on 24 May, 2000. Other positions he held include those of Rector Magnificus of the University and member of the Board of the Faculty of Medical Sciences. Prof. Eric Bleumink set an example of inspired leadership with a distinct personal style. He advocated embedding the university more firmly in society - at regional, national, and international level. His commitment to his fellow men and *the universitas* is clearly illustrated by his efforts to improve co-operation between the University and its sister organisations in developing countries. His efforts helped to make this co-operation an integrated part of University policy. The academic community and all those around it have shown their appreciation through the establishment of a fund bearing his name.

Grants of the Eric Bleumink Fund

The Eric Bleumink Fund (EBF) raises funds and makes these available for the purpose of:

1. Providing grants to students from developing countries. This concerns promising students who wish to obtain a Master's or a comparable degree. They may be invited to study at the University of Groningen for some time. Alternatively, it is possible to study at other universities in developing countries or their neighbouring countries, provided that at least part of the study programme takes place at the RUG. The training of the candidates should make a contribution to increasing the academic capacity of the country in question.
2. Providing grants to researchers from developing countries. This concerns Ph.D. students who conduct Ph.D. research within the scope of a co-operation between the University of Groningen and an institution in a developing country. They will be supervised by a senior researcher from Groningen and preferably also by a senior researcher from the country in question. In principle, these grants will be provided for a maximum of four years. Part of the research should be conducted in Groningen and part in the country in question.
3. Grants for a brief stay in Groningen. These are intended for staff members of universities in developing countries who wish to receive further training or conduct research here.
4. The Eric Bleumink Fund's primary function is to provide the above-mentioned grants and enable the University to support and supervise the grant recipients. In the future, new initiatives to generate or improve co-operation with universities in developing countries may also be supported.

Criteria for Approval

In all cases candidates from a university that has signed a co-operation agreement with the University of Groningen will be given preferential treatment (see Appendix 2). The criteria for approval cover the following topics.

1. Academic excellence. This is shown by the academic performance of the students and may be confirmed by letters of recommendation from university professors.
2. The contribution of the candidate's education in terms of strengthening the scientific capacity in the candidate's home country.
3. The perspectives of contribution to a long-term linkage between the university in the developing country and the University of Groningen.
4. A proper balance between male and female candidates.
5. Spreading over various disciplines (faculties).
6. Regional spreading over various continents.

Candidates for the Eric Bleumink Fund should

- be nationals of and have their permanent residence in a developing country (see Appendix 1);
- have a good command of the English language;
- be in good health, so that health insurance in the Netherlands can be arranged;
- be available for the whole period of the fellowship and be able to take part in the entire study programme.
- have no other means of financing the study in question.

The decisions concerning approval or rejection of applications are taken by the Board of the Eric Bleumink Fund. It is not possible to appeal against a decision by the Board.

Application procedures

Scholarships for Master's students

In principle, university students from developing countries will be supported for a maximum of two years. Their education should strengthen the academic capacity of the country in question.

Applications for student scholarships can be submitted by students from a developing country for a Master's or equivalent programme at the University of Groningen or an university in the developing country or one of its neighbouring countries (provided that part of the study programme takes place at the RUG). Application forms for Master's programmes can either be found at the website of the University of Groningen or more information about applications for Master's programmes can be retrieved from the Admission Offices of the different faculties (www.RUG.nl/masters).

The applications should be sent to the co-ordinator or the Director of Studies of the Master's Programme in which the candidate wishes to participate. Applications must be received by the Master's programme in question by the beginning of February, if the student wishes to be considered for a grant from the EBF for the following academic year, starting in September.

The co-ordinator or the Director of Studies of the Master's programme in question will assess the application on the basis of the criteria that apply to the Master's programme, and will inform the candidate whether or not he or she can be admitted to the Master's programme. The assessment of the application must be completed in good time.

If several students from developing countries apply for admission to a Master's programme, and all satisfy the admission criteria of the programme in question and wish to be considered for a scholarship from the EBF, the co-ordinator or the Director of Studies of the programme in question will compile a document containing the names of, at the most, the two people who are the main candidates for a scholarship from the EBF, with a motivation for their choice. The EBF must receive this document prior to 1 March.

The EBF will make a choice based on the criteria of the EBF, in which all the nominated candidates of all Masters programmes will be reviewed.

The decision about approval or rejection of the scholarship applications is taken by the Board in the month of April preceding the start of the programme. Subsequently, the selected candidates are then informed of this decision by the EBF.

The Board adopts the criteria of selection mentioned above.

Scholarships for PhD-students

In the case of Ph.D. researchers from developing countries, the grants will usually be awarded for a maximum of a four-year period. Part of the research should be conducted in the home country and part in Groningen.

The grant will cover expenses incurred in travelling to and from the Netherlands (a maximum of 4 times) and the living costs during the stay at the RUG. A moderate research budget can be granted, if judged necessary by the academic supervisor.

In principle, applications for research grants may only be submitted by individuals from developing countries if endorsed by a professor of the University of Groningen and with the support of their home institution / partner university. The application should contain an elaborated research proposal or pre-proposal (see Appendix 4). The application may also be submitted by the academic supervisor at the University of Groningen or at the home institute in the developing country. The academic supervisor in Groningen participates in one of the Research Schools or Research Institutes of the University of Groningen (see Appendix 5).

A letter of receipt of the application by the EBF is sent to the applicant by e-mail or, if an e-mail address is not available, by ordinary mail within 4 weeks.

The Scientific Committee of the Eric Bleumink Fund gives advice to the Board of the Eric Bleumink Fund on the academic quality and the feasibility of the proposed Ph.D. research and on the academic qualifications of the Ph.D. candidate. The Scientific Committee may consult researchers or faculty research committees or other experts for this purpose.

The Scientific Committee meets at least twice a year to discuss the applications.

The Board of the Eric Bleumink Fund decides on the recommendations in its bi-annual meetings in April and November each year.

Extra criteria for Ph.D. researchers:

- the applicant should be employed by a research institute or university in a developing country and should receive an income from the home institute;
- the application should also be supported by this organisation;
- the University of Groningen must be able to provide an academic supervisor who will be responsible for the scientific supervision of the research.

Grants for short visits

Applications can be submitted at any time by staff members of institutes in developing countries with which the University of Groningen has established or intends to establish a formal co-operative link. There are no grants available this year.

The Board of the Eric Bleumink Fund meets twice a year to give advice on the applications.

Other grants

Applications for other grants to finance new initiatives to establish or strengthen co-operation of the University of Groningen with universities in developing countries will be discussed during the bi-annual meetings of the Board of the Eric Bleumink Fund. The Board may request advice from its Scientific Committee or any other institute or person.

The scholarships

Travel to and from the Netherlands

- The journeys to the Netherlands and back home are included in the scholarship grant.
- The travel costs include the flights between Amsterdam and the airport nearest to the fellowship holder's (scholarship student's) residence. It includes travel insurance and airport taxes. The maximum fare is that of the economy class. Additional expenses such as excess luggage are not covered. See also Allowances.
- Fellowship holders are advised to arrange travel insurance for their journey from and to their hometown.

Arrival and accommodation in the Netherlands

- The University of Groningen will provide the fellowship holders with the necessary information regarding their arrival in Amsterdam and their further travel to Groningen. The Euro is required for this journey within the Netherlands. At the airport, the Euro can be obtained against any international convertible currency.
- In Groningen, students can find accommodation through the Housing Office. The University of Groningen assists fellowship holders in finding accommodation by sending application forms and by explaining the procedures to the holders. Holders are advised to make arrangements well in advance.
- Holders are obliged to report to the Foreign Police Department at the police headquarters. They must report within the time stated on the entry visa.
- A clothing allowance is not included in the fellowship. Holders are advised to bring warm clothing – in the Netherlands it may be quite cold in the winter.

Allowances

The allowances mentioned are the allowances for the Netherlands; the amounts will change when the student or researcher is studying or working in another country.

- Allowances are paid in a monthly advance at the beginning of the month.
- The allowance is paid for the duration of the fellowship, starting on the day of arrival in the Netherlands. The day of arrival should not be more than 1 week before the start of the programme concerned. The allowance is paid until the holder's day of departure from the Netherlands, which should be no later than 5 days after the end of the programme concerned.

Holders are entitled to the following allowances:

- A living allowance of €870,00 per month for food and accommodation for Master students and €1075,00 for PhD candidates. In the case of a short stay in the Netherlands, the University of Groningen will make lodging arrangements for this period. The costs of the rent, amounting to €348,00 will be deducted from the living allowance. In that case €522,00 is left over for the monthly allowance for Master students and €727,00 for PhD candidates.
- A settling allowance of €167,90 for extra expenses when arriving in the Netherlands. This lump sum is paid along with the first monthly allowance.
- A travel allowance of €90 for the journey from Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol) to Groningen and back at the end of the stay. This lump sum is paid along with the first monthly allowance.
- A study allowance of €280 per year for books and other study material.
- The expenses for the visa at the Netherlands Embassy and the Foreign Police Department in the Netherlands will be reimbursed.
- To assist holders in sending back study material, an allowance of €136,13, equal to the KLM airline company tariff for 10 kg. unaccompanied luggage, will be paid at the end of the scholarship.
- Ph.D.-candidates may receive a research budget up to €2.269 per year. The research budget should be approved by the supervisor of the study programme.

Extensions of the fellowship are approved only in cases of:

- serious illness during the student's study in the Netherlands;
- the holder having to return home as a result of the death or serious illness of a relative in the first degree;
- the holder not being able to finish his or her study in time due to circumstances beyond control of the holder or the University of Groningen; this decision will be taken by the Board of the EBF.

Expense refund

- Occasional travel in the Netherlands in connection with the course or research will be refunded. Such travel has to be approved by the supervisor of the study programme.
- In the case of excursions or field trips, extra expenses will be paid over and above the cost of the regular accommodation if these trips involve at least one overnight stay.

Insurance

- Within the framework of the Eric Bleumink Fund, the fellowship holders are insured through a private insurance company. The Eric Bleumink Fund pays the insurance premium. The insurance policy is handed over to the fellowship holder upon arrival or shortly after. The insurance policy covers certain expenses related to:
 - Medical treatment
 - Personal accidents

- Extra flight home in case of emergency
- Legal liability for private persons
- Holders are covered from the day of arrival in the Netherlands until the day of departure.
- The insurance is valid in all West European countries
- Costs not paid by the insurance must be paid by the holder.

Rights and obligations

- Any person who accepts a fellowship agrees to the objectives, rules and regulations of the Eric Bleumink Fonds.
- The fellowship begins on the date stated in the letter containing the offer, and continues until 5 days after the termination of the programme.
- The fellowship makes provision for the expenses of international travel, training and subsistence, as specified in these regulations
- The allowance is considered to be sufficient for one person's subsistence in the Netherlands.
- Holders of fellowships must undertake, to the best of their ability, to follow and complete the programme for which the fellowship was granted. They must be prepared to provide the Eric Bleumink Fonds with information concerning their education and co-operate fully with any form of programme evaluation.
- Holders of fellowships staying in Groningen must obtain an authorisation for temporary residence (in Dutch: *MVV – Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf*). This will only be valid for the duration of the fellowship. The University of Groningen will act on behalf of the candidate and will apply to the Dutch Ministry of Justice for the MVV.
- Holders of fellowships state that they will return to their own countries at the end of the fellowship or at the end of the training programme for which the fellowship was granted.
- The University of Groningen accepts no responsibility for the consequences of illness, accidents, etc., nor for any other risk that the acceptance of the fellowship may entail.
- The fellowship will be terminated before it takes effect if the personal particulars and/or circumstances are different from the information that was provided on the application form on the basis of which the fellowship was awarded. In that case, the fellowship will be terminated and the holder can be required to return any fellowship payments made, if the holder:
 - a. makes a false declaration
 - b. commits a criminal offence
 - c. fails to observe the rules and regulations of the EBF or refuses to act according to oral or written instructions from the EBF in connection with the fellowship
 - d. arrives in the Netherlands too late to join the course or programme
 - e. withdraws from the course or programme
 - f. fails to make the expected progress during the programme.
- Holders of fellowships staying in the Netherlands are to refrain from commercial or political activities and may not enter into paid employment in the Netherlands.
- The fellowship does not provide for the cost of bringing any members of the holder's family to the Netherlands or of supporting them.

Further information

The Eric Bleumink Fund is managed by the *Stichting Ubbo Emmius Fonds* (Ubbo Emmius Fund Foundation). This foundation was established by the University of Groningen to improve relations between the university and society at large, and to raise funds for special initiatives.

For specific questions or more information about the Eric Bleumink Fund, please contact:

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Postal address:
Eric Bleumink Fund
University of Groningen
P.O. Box 72
9700 AB Groningen
The Netherlands

General information about scholarships:

International Service Desk
University of Groningen
P.O. Box 72
9700 AB Groningen
The Netherlands
e-mail: isd@bureau.rug.nl
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Appendix 1

List of Developing Countries

Afghanistan	Gabon	Panama
Albania	Gambia	Papua New Guinea
Algeria	Georgia	Paraguay
Angola	Ghana	Peru
Antigua & Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Rwanda
Armenia	Guinea	Samoa
Autonomous Palestinian Territories	Guinea-Bissau	Sao Tome & Principe
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Senegal
Bangladesh	Haiti	Seychelles
Belize	Honduras	Sierra Leone
Benin	India	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Indonesia	Somalia
Bolivia	Iran	South Africa
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Iraq	Sri Lanka
Botswana	Ivory Coast	St. Kitts & Nevis
Brazil	Jamaica	St. Lucia
Burkina Faso	Jordan	St. Vincent & Grenadines
Burundi	Kazakhstan	Sudan
Cambodia	Kenya	Suriname
Cameroon	Kiribati	Swaziland
Cape Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Syria
Central African Republic	Laos	Tajikistan
Chad	Lebanon	Tanzania
Chile	Lesotho	Thailand
China	Liberia	Togo
Colombia	Macedonia	Tonga
Comoros	Madagascar	Trinidad & Tobago
Congo (Brazzaville)	Malawi	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Turkey
Cuba	Maldives	Turkmenistan
Democratic Republic Congo	Mali	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Mauretania	Uganda
Dominica	Mauritius	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Mexico	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Moldova	Vanuatu
Egypt	Mongolia	Venezuela
El Salvador	Morocco	Vietnam
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	Yemen
Eritrea	Myanmar (Burma)	Zambia
Ethiopia	Namibia	Zimbabwe
Fiji	Nepal	
	Nicaragua	
	Niger	
	Nigeria	
	North Korea	
	Pakistan	

Appendix 2

Universities and Institutes in developing countries which signed an agreement with the University of Groningen

Country	Institution
Argentina	University Buenos Aires
Benin	Université Nationale du Bénin
Bangladesh	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research
Burkina Faso	Université de Ouagadougou*
	Centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique et Technologique
China	Shanghai Acad. of Trad. Chinese Med.
	Tsinghua Univ. Beijing
	Chinese Academy of Science, Institute of Geography
	Fudan University
Eritrea	University of Asmara*
India	Karnatak University, Dharwad
	Institute of Economic Research, Dharwad
	Population Research Centre, Kerala University, Kerala
	University of Delhi, Delhi School of Economics
Indonesia	Airlangga University
	Universitas Gadjah Mada
	Universitas Hasanuddin
	Universitas Indonesia
	Instituto Teknologi Bandung
	Graduate School ITB
	Universitas Katolik Parahyangan
	Universitas Kristen Indonesia
	Sam Ratulangi University
	Universitas Sumatera
Morocco	University Chouaib Doukkali
Mexico	CIESAS
	El Colegio de Mexico
	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico city
Mozambique	Eduardo Mondlane University of Maputo*
Peru	University of Lima
Philippines	De la Salle University
Surinam	Anton de Kom Universiteit
Turkey	Izmir University
Uruguay	ORT, Montevideo
Vietnam	Can Tho University*
Zambia	University of Zambia, Lusaka
Zimbabwe	University of Harare
South-Africa	Universiteit van die Oranje-Vrijstaat te Bloemfontein
	University of Natal, Durban
	Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit
	University of the North*
	Stellenbosch University

* long-term co-operation inbedded in Dutch interuniversity programs for collaboration with universities in developing countries.

Appendix 3

Application form for PhD-grants

Applications for grants may be submitted by academic supervisors of the University of Groningen and/or by the home institution / partner university in the developing country or by individuals from a developing country, provided that the application is endorsed by the academic supervisor in Groningen or in the developing country.

1. Applicant

- position
- address
- zipcode/city
- tel/fax

2. Project title

3. Project outline

4. Composition of the research group

- promotor in the Netherlands
- (co)promotor from home institution
- researcher

5. Duration of the project

6. Detailed description of the project, including at least the following aspects: (max. 5000 words)

- a. scientific significance/ innovative aspects
- b. research
- c. history of the project
- d. cooperation with other national and international universities/research groups

7. Detailed description of the relevance of the project for the development of the country involved, including at least the following aspects: (max. 3000 words)

- a. relations with
- b. capacity building of policy related research
- c. scientific capacity building
- d. direct usefulness of expected results on local or macro level
- e. effectiveness of proposed dissemination of research results, both in scientific as well as in policy circles

8. Time table of the project
(per year and month)

9. Research locations

10. How and where will the results of the project be published

11. Previous publications of relevance of the project

12. Other sources of financial assistance

13. Researcher:

a.

- name
- address
- date of birth
- degrees
- date of graduation
- university
- fields of academic specialization
- academic awards

b.

Qualifications relevant to the project (at least the following aspects)

- former
- actual and future activities concerning the research theme
- scientific qualifications relevant to the project

c.

Other relevant information

15. Scientific networks involved

16. References

17. Signature of applicant

Place

Date

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18. Signature of professor from the University of Groningen

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19. Signature from the home institution or partner university

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Appendix 4

Research schools and research institutes

1. BCN
School of Behavioral and Cognitive Neurosciences
<http://www.bcn.rug.nl/bcn/>
2. BMSA
Biomedical Materials Science and Application
<http://coo.med.rug.nl/fmw/c324.htm>
3. CDS
Centre for Development Studies
<http://www.eco.rug.nl/cds/>
4. CEES
Groningen Centre for Ecological en Evolutionary Studies
<http://www.biol.rug.nl/cees>
5. CLCG
Centre for Language and Cognition Groningen
<http://odur.let.rug.nl/clcg/>
6. CRBS
Centre for the study of Law, administration and Society
<http://www.rechten.rug.nl/crbs/>
7. FANTOM
International Researchschool for Fundamental and Applied Nuclear and Atomic Physics
<http://www.fantom.kvi.nl>
8. FE
Functional Ecology
<http://www.biol.rug.nl/cees>
9. GBB
Groningen Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology Institute
<http://www.chem.rug.nl/gbb/>
10. GCS/ICS
Research Interuniversity Center for Social Science, Theory and Methodology
<http://www.ppsw.rug.nl/ics/>
11. GIA
Groningen Institute of Archeology
<http://odur.let.rug.nl/gia/>
12. GION
Groningen Institute for Educational Research
<http://www.ppsw.rug.nl/gion/>
13. GRIP
Groningen Research Institute of Pharmacy
<http://www.farm.rug.nl>
14. GRIPh
Groningen Research Institute for Philosophy
<http://www.philos.rug.nl/onderzoek/index-grip.htm>
15. GUIDE
Groningen University Institute for Drug Exploration
<http://dhcp2.med.rug.nl/guide/>
16. Heymans
Heymans Institute for Advanced Psychological Research

17. ICOG
Groningen Institute for the Research of Culture
<http://odur.let.rug.nl/icog/>
18. IWI
Research Institute for Mathematics and Computing Science
<http://www.cs.rug.nl/info/iwi.html>
19. Kapteyn
Kapteyn Institute for Astronomy
<http://www.astro.rug.nl/>
20. KVI
Nuclear Physics Acceleration
<http://www.kvi.nl/>
21. Mediëvistiek
Netherlands Research School for Medieval Studies
<http://www.medievistiek.nl>
22. MSC
Materials Science Centre
http://rugth30.phys.rug.nl/msc_newweb/
23. NCG
Northern Centre for Healthcare Research
<http://www.med.rug.nl/nch/index.htm>
24. PRC
Population Research Centre
<http://www.frw.rug.nl/>
25. RAI
Rudolf Agricola Institute
<http://odur.let.rug.nl/agricola/>
26. SOM
Systems, Organisation and Management
<http://som.rug.nl/>
27. Stratingh
Stratingh Institute for Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
<http://www.stratingh.nl>
28. URSI
Urban and Regional Studies Institute
<http://www.frw.rug.nl/ursi/>

Appendix 5

Tasks of the Scientific Committee

In line with the statutes of the Eric Bleumink Fund (EBF), the Board compiles a Scientific Committee whose responsibilities include advising the Board on scholarship applications.

The EBF recognises four application categories:

1. *scholarships for students from developing countries;*
2. *scholarships for young researchers from developing countries;*
3. *scholarships for short-term visits by academics from universities in developing countries, with which the University of Groningen already has, or is going to establish, a co-operative relationship;*
4. *the funding of other initiatives to reinforce the co-operation with universities in the developing countries.*

Ad 1. *scholarships for students from developing countries*, who wish to follow a (part of) their Master's education in Groningen. Applications for a Master's education in a developing country may also be submitted, provided that at least part of the study programme will take place at the RUG. The scholarship grant will be awarded for a period of two years at the most. The Master's study courses (such as the International Masters Programmes of the RUG, for example) generally have their own admission and selection criteria and procedures to assess the suitability of candidates. The provision of advice on the suitability of candidates with regard to their participation in such study courses is the responsibility of the programme supervisors.

In other cases, advice may be requested from the Scientific Committee. In that case, advice is requested on the suitability of the candidate in view of his or her study results and motivation.

Ad 2. *scholarships for young researchers from developing countries*, who wish to perform doctoral (PhD) research. The scholarship grant is awarded for a maximum of four years. The doctoral (PhD) research is preferably carried out in the form of a 'sandwich' construction, in which a part of the research is executed in the relevant developing country. An elaborated research proposal should be submitted along with the application. In special cases, the first six months can be used to work out the Ph.D- research proposal, in conjunction with the intended promotor or other academic supervisor at the RUG. The application then has the status of a 'pre-proposal'.

The Scientific Committee is requested to provide an assessment of the quality of the (pre-)proposals and to advise the Board of the Eric Bleumink Fonds on the desirability of honouring the application and/ or reviewing it once more. The Scientific Committee bases its assessment and advice on the following criteria:

1. the academic quality of the research proposal, including the innovative nature of the research;
2. developmental relevance;
3. feasibility;
4. adequate academic supervision;
5. the suitability of the candidate.

Ad 3. *scholarships for short-term visits by academics from universities in developing countries, with which the University of Groningen already has, or is going to establish, a co-operative relationship*. The Scientific Committee may be asked for advice on the academic significance and the developmental relevance of the research to be performed or of other activities during the short-term stays.

Ad 4. the funding of other initiatives to reinforce the co-operation with universities in the developing countries. These applications are submitted to the Scientific Committee, which comments upon the academic significance and feasibility of the initiatives and the consequence for the RUG and the universities in the developing countries. The Scientific Committee may request expert advice from third parties.

The members of the Scientific Committee receive the minutes of the meetings of the Board of the EBF. The Scientific Committee may also provide advice, either on request or spontaneously, to the Board on general policy, priorities, criteria, presentation, etc.

For reasons of efficiency, the Scientific Committee of the EBF will have the same composition as the Scientific Committee of the Centre for Development Studies (CDS) of the RUG.